DIZ area, for allotment of their quarters to their wards are pending consideration with the Minister of Urban Development;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and the reasons for which they are not being disposed of; and

(c) by when unauthorised occupation of quarters, after the retirement of Government employees, would be vacated and the quarters would be allotted to the persons who are waiting for their turn for quite a long time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) A request on compassionate ground for regularisation of a Type 'C' quarter in Sector 'D', DIZ area in the name of a ward has been received and the same is under consideration.

Retrun of labour force in Kerala from the Gulf

1769. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey of the labour force returning from Gulf was conducted in Kerala;

(b) if so, what are the findings thereof; and

(c) whether it is a fact that a large number of the labour force is returning and is remaining unemployed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) A survey was conducted during 1987 by the State Government on the utilization pattern of Gulf remittances in Kerala.

(b) and (c) The survey indicates an increasing trend in the number of returning emigrants from Gulf countries. It has also revealed that nearly 50 per cent of the returnees had no jobs at the time of survey.

Propsal for equity participation of SAIL with Kerala Special Refractories Ltd.

1770. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government had recently received any request from the Kerala Government for equity participation of the Steel Authority of India Limited, with the Kerala Special Refractories, Ltd., Kerala; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir. Out of the total equity of Rs. 24 crores SAIL's participation was sought to the extent of 30%.

(b) It has not been found feasible for SAIL to participate in the equity of Kerala Special Refractories Limited.

Cotton production

1771. SHRI T. R. BALU:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what had been the area under cotton cultivation in each State during the last three years;

(b) what had been the production of raw cotton in each State during the last three years; year-wise; and

(c) what is the area likely to be under cotton cultivation and expected production in each State during the current year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a)